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Additional Resources for Implementation of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

INTRODUCTION: This Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Advisory holds a selection of additional resources for the implementation of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. AGAR Advisory Number 34, dated June 11, 2001, provides tools available for distribution to requirements officials preparing the description of requirements for acquisitions of electronic and information technology. AGAR Advisory Number 35 provides information for purchase card users and purchase card system managers.

SUMMARY: Numerous Section 508 resources are now available on the Internet. The sites identified in this Advisory may be accessed as needed to assist in acquisition planning and procurement.

SPECIFIC ISSUES:

Various Department of Agriculture (USDA) procurement working tools can be found at <http://www.usda.gov/procurement/policy/advisories.html>.

The USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer offers similar links to Section 508 information from <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/irm/508/sec508.html>. Items currently there of special value are specific information on agency contact points within USDA and links to the Department of Justice and Department of Education sites.

The General Services Administration will maintain the "Buy Accessible" site at www.Section508.gov. You will be able to search the site by specific product or service and see all vendors who have voluntarily provided links. You can then use the links to reach the product or service descriptions necessary to complete your market research. This database at <http://www.section508.gov/buy/index.html> is currently under construction.

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<http://www.usda.gov/procurement/policy/advisories.html>.

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